

a1 Numerous methods have been devised for the identifying and restricting of an unauthorized software program's operation. These methods have been primarily motivated by the grand proliferation of illegally copied software, which is engulfing the marketplace. This illegal copying represents billions of dollars in lost profits to commercial software developers.

Page 1, please rewrite paragraph 1 as follows:

a2 Hardware based products have also been developed to validate authorized software usage by accessing a dongle that is coupled e.g. to the parallel port of the P.C. These units are expensive, inconvenient, and not particularly suitable for software that may be sold by downloading (e.g. over the internet).

Page 9, please rewrite paragraph 3 as follows:

A3 The second non-volatile memory includes a license-record-area (9) e.g. which contains at least one encrypted license-record (e.g. three records 10-12). The volatile memory accommodates a license program (16) having license record fields (13-15) appended thereto. By way of example said fields stand for Application names (e.g. Lotus 123), Vendor name (Lotus inc.), and number of licensed copies (1 for stand alone usage, >1 for number of licensed users for a network application).

Page 9, please rewrite paragraph 4 as follows:

A4 Those versed in the art will readily appreciate that the license record is not necessarily bound to continuous fields. In fact, the various license content components of the data record may be embedded in various locations in the application. Any component may, if desired, be encrypted.

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